

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the Specification to clarify several typographical errors. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-4, 6, 9, 16, 19-20, 22, and 25 to provide a clearer presentation of the claimed invention and have added new claims 26-27. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced.

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner's consideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of all pending claims.

Applicant's Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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